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Mr Wm. L. Manley, <sup>Auto</sup>  
Stockton Ave.  
San Jose. Cal.

My dear Sir:

The most interesting book that I  
have read in many a Year is  
Your "Death Valley" which was  
kindly forwarded by Mr Agnew.  
I found it interesting from beginning  
to end, all the more because I am  
somewhat acquainted with that  
grand & dreadful <sup>desert</sup> region, having  
spent three summers in the Great  
Basin & nearly perished with  
thirst a short distance to the  
north of Death Valley.  
Your <sup>own</sup> strong brave kindly character  
as well as that of <sup>many of</sup> your companions  
is nobly displayed in the history

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of these <sup>living</sup> days. so well told  
~~in your book.~~

Heartily Thanking You for  
Your book & praying Heaven  
bless you in I am

Sincerely Yours

P.S. I <sup>am</sup> sending today by mail a copy  
of the Mountains of California  
J. M.